

## 2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: VA National Academic Affiliations Council

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### 1. Department or Agency

Department of Veterans Affairs

### 2. Fiscal Year

2018

### 3. Committee or Subcommittee

VA National Academic Affiliations Council

### 3b. GSA Committee No.

76699

### 4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

### 5. Current Charter

04/10/2018

### 6. Expected Renewal Date

04/10/2020

### 7. Expected Term Date

### 8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

### 8b. Specific Termination Authority

### 8c. Actual Term Date

### 9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

### 10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

### 10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

### 11. Establishment Authority

Agency Authority

### 12. Specific Establishment Authority

38 U.S.C. 7406

### 13. Effective Date

10/28/2011

### 14. Committee Type

Continuing

### 14c. Presidential?

No

### 15. Description of Committee

National Policy Issue Advisory Board

### 16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

### 17a. Open Meetings 4 17b. Closed Meetings 0 17c. Partially Closed Meetings 0 17d. Total Meetings 4

Purpose	Start	End
On December 6, 2017, the Council will review the status of its previous recommendations and receive a series of informational briefings on the budget, staffing, and functional alignment of the VA Office of Academic Affiliations. During the afternoon, the Council will explore several proposed physician recruitment initiatives to strengthen VA's clinical workforce pipeline, review efforts to minimize the adverse impact of several VA IT security policies on affiliate trainees; and receive a progress report on VA's newly launched Trainee Satisfaction Survey. The Members will also discuss the themes and outcomes of Secretary Shulkin's November 2017 address to the Association of American Medical Colleges and an update on plans to constitute an internal VA advisory committee on affiliation issues.	12/06/2017	12/07/2017
On December 7, 2017, the Council will receive presentations on VA's efforts to strengthen its academic affiliations between historically black colleges and universities and VA medical centers as well as the NAAC's Subcommittee on Diversity and Inclusion. During lunch, the Council will receive a series of short updates on areas of continuing interest: the revised waiver process for those VA employees with relationships with for-profit educational institutions and the Office of Personnel Management's proposed rule to limit the availability of administrative leave for Federal employees. The Council will receive public comments from 4:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on December 6, 2017 and again at or before 1:45 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. on December 7, 2017.		

On April 3, 2018, the Council will review the status of its previous recommendations and receive a series of informational briefings on the budget of the VA Office of Academic Affiliations and the Veterans Equitable Resource Allocation formula for clinical educational activities. During a working lunch, NAAC members will meet with the Chair of the National Research Advisory Council to discuss areas of mutual interest among both committees. During the afternoon, the Council will explore the recent activities of the NAAC Diversity and Inclusion Subcommittee and VA's current affiliations with minority serving institutions. At the close of the day, The Council will receive a presentation on VA's Care in the Community efforts and discuss their potential impact on the VA education mission. On April 4, 2018, the Council will receive presentations on VA's ongoing efforts to ensure the accountability and oversight of graduate medical education funds and the Office of Academic Affiliations' innovation portfolio. After lunch, the Council will have an open discussion with Dr. Carolyn Clancy, the Executive in Charge for the Veterans Health Administration and Dr. Christopher Vojta, the Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Health. The Council will receive public comments from 4:45 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on April 3, 2018 and again at or before 2:00 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. on April 4, 2018.

04/03/2018 - 04/04/2018

On July 11, 2018, the Council will explore the current modernization effort within the Veterans Health Administration (VHA); receive a briefing on the VHA electronic health record modernization program; discuss provisions of the recently enacted Public Law 115-182 that impacts VA's clinical education mission; and receive updates on the waiver process for VA employees engaging in teaching activities with for-profit educational institutions; the activities of the Council's Subcommittee on Diversity and Inclusion; the June 13, 2018 Roundtable of Graduate Medical Education hosted by the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs; and the recent efforts of the VA Strategic Academic Advisory Council. The Council will receive public comments from 11:50 p.m. to 12:00 p.m. EST.

07/11/2018 - 07/11/2018

On September 17, 2018, the Council will review the status of its previous recommendations and receive an informational briefing on the modernization of VA's electronic health record. The Council will explore the recent activities of the NAAC Diversity and Inclusion Subcommittee and have an open discussion with Dr. Carolyn Clancy, Former Executive in Charge and currently assigned oversight responsibilities for the Offices of Academic Affiliations and Research and Development. NAAC members will receive presentations on VA's Care in the Community program and new VA programs for licensing space from community partners. On September 18, 2018, the Council will explore the VA Telehealth Program and related educational issues. NAAC members will get brief updates on items of continued interest such as the waiver processes for those VA employees having relationships with for-profit educational institutions. During the afternoon, the Council will focus its attention on rural health and various new authorities and programs conferred by the MISSION Act (Public Law 115-182). The Council will receive public comments from 4:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on September 17, 2018 and again at or before 3:45 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on September 18, 2018.

09/17/2018 - 09/18/2018

#### Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 4

	Current FY	Next FY
<b>18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members</b>	\$88,021.76	\$113,161.41
<b>18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff</b>	\$318,208.19	\$369,121.50
<b>18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$22,851.67	\$25,936.65
<b>18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members</b>	\$12,102.24	\$14,946.27
<b>18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff</b>	\$27,002.94	\$30,648.33
<b>18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)</b>	\$14,237.85	\$12,000.00
<b>18d. Total</b>	\$482,424.65	\$565,814.16
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	2.10	2.40

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

The Council advises the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on matters affecting partnerships between VA and its academic affiliates. Its jurisdiction directly impacts the following VA Strategic Goals: #1 Veterans Choose VA for Easy Access, Greater Choices, and Clear Information to Make Informed Decisions; #2 Veterans Receive Timely and Integrated Care and Support that Emphasizes their Well-being and Independence through their Life Journey; and #4 VA Will Modernize Systems and Focus Resources More Efficiently to be Competitive and to Provide World Class Capabilities to Veterans and its Employees. The Council is charged with providing advice and recommendations on: (1) a statement of values and principles to guide VA's relationships with the academic community; (2) strategies for effective communication about academic affiliations between VA and relevant stakeholder organizations; (3) mechanisms to expand mutually advantageous affiliations between VA and the academic community; (4) opportunities to better align the missions and operations of VA and its academic affiliates; (5) guidelines for joint strategic, tactical, and operational planning by VA and its academic affiliates in areas of partnership; (6) policy, regulatory and administrative impediments to effective affiliation management; (7) performance standards and measures for VA and its affiliates to optimize academic productivity and affiliation management; (8) administrative and support services needed from VA and its affiliates to advance VA's academic mission; and (9) mechanisms to facilitate strategic alliances and/or joint ventures between VA and Academic Medical Centers. The Council has produced 73 recommendations for VA since its inception in 2011. Of these recommendations, 62% were fully implemented by VA and another 32% were partially implemented. The collective expertise and judgment of the Council's membership is highly valued by the agency.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

The Council is comprised of not more than 14 members (Ex-officio members do not count towards this cap). Specific expertise relevant to the mission/function of the Council includes experience in health professions education, clinical workforce development, and special competence to evaluate and improve VA relationships with the national academic community. In addition, the Chief Academic Affiliations Officer, a Veterans Integrated Service Network Director, a Veterans Integrated Service Network Chief Medical Officer, a representative of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HHS), an official from the Indian Health Service (HHS), and a representative of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (DOD) are ex-officio voting members of the Council. Other Council members shall be appointed by the Secretary and shall serve as objective advisors, and not as representatives of any organizations for whom they may otherwise be serving. Several members may be Regular Government Employees (RGE), but the majority of the Council's membership will be Special Government Employees (SGE).

## **20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?**

The Council is expected to meet up to four times annually. The Council advises the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on matters affecting partnerships between VA and its academic affiliates. The Council provides a forum for joint planning and coordination that benefits both VA and the academic community. In FY 2018, the Committee met four times: December 2017, April 2018, July 2018 (via conference call), and September 2018.

## **20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?**

The Secretary has determined that establishing the Council is both necessary and in the public interest. This Council helps realize the potential of VA's partnerships with the Nation's medical and health professions schools. The academic community is an important and essential partner for VA to care for Veterans while significantly improving health care delivery and enhancing the clinical and research workforce so necessary for our Nation's future.

## **20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?**

Meetings are open to the public.

## **21. Remarks**

VA and the academic community share the same foundational values: A commitment to providing high quality care; recognition of the inter-dependence of patient care, education and research; and a strong public service ethic. The Council is charged with developing and recommending ways to enhance this historic partnership.

## **Designated Federal Officer**

Stephen K. Trynosky Designated Federal Officer

<b>Committee Members</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>Occupation</b>	<b>Member Designation</b>
Breslin, Eileen	06/01/2015	06/30/2019	President, American Association of Colleges of Nursing	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Cavalieri, Thomas	10/01/2016	09/30/2018	Dean, Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Chen, Candice	08/10/2015	08/10/2018	Director, Division of Medicine and Dentistry, Bureau of Health Workforce, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration	Ex Officio Member
Colon Negrón, Edgar	08/10/2015	09/30/2019	Dean, School of Medicine, University of Puerto Rico	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Cox, Malcolm	09/29/2014	09/30/2018	Retired Federal Executive (VHA)	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Cunningham, Paul	09/29/2014	09/30/2018	Dean Emeritus, East Carolina University, Brody School of Medicine	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Duval, John	10/01/2016	09/30/2018	Senior Scholar, Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Harper, Doreen	09/29/2014	09/30/2018	Dean, School of Nursing, University of Alabama at Birmingham	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Jones, Wendell	04/10/2018	09/30/2019	Chief Medical Officer, VA Heart of Texas Healthcare Network (VISN 17)	Ex Officio Member
Kellermann, Arthur	08/10/2015	09/30/2019	Dean, F. Edward Hebert School of Medicine, Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences	Ex Officio Member
Klink, Kathleen	09/29/2017	05/25/2018	Acting Chief Academic Affiliations Officer, Veterans Health Administration	Ex Officio Member
Maffucci, Jacqueline	09/29/2014	12/04/2017	Research Director, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Maine, Lucinda	08/10/2015	09/30/2019	Executive Vice President and Chief Executive Officer, American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Prescott, John	10/01/2015	09/30/2019	Chief Academic Officer, Association of American Medical Colleges	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Sanders, Karen	05/25/2018	10/26/2018	Acting Chief Academic Affiliations Officer, VHA Office of Academic Affiliations	Ex Officio Member
South-Paul, Jeannette	10/01/2016	09/30/2018	Chair, Dept. of Family Medicine, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Valachovic, Richard	10/01/2016	09/30/2018	President and CEO, American Dental Education Association	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Wiggins, Leslie	10/01/2017	09/30/2019	Network Director, VA Southeast Network (VISN 7)	Ex Officio Member

## Number of Committee Members Listed: 18

## Narrative Description

The Council provides advice to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on matters affecting partnerships between VA and its academic affiliates.

## What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

	Checked if Applies
Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Outcome Comments

N/A

### What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

	Checked if Applies
None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Cost Savings Comments

The Committee was established in October 2011 and has submitted 73 recommendations for consideration by VA. Of these recommendations, 62% have been fully implemented and another 32% have been partially implemented. The bulk of the Council's recommendations are innovative ways to improve VA's deep and historic partnership with its academic affiliates. These recommendations benefit both VA and its many academic affiliates. For this reason, the exact cost savings realized from the Council's recommendations cannot be accurately determined.

### What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

73

**Number of Recommendations Comments**

This is the cumulative number of Committee recommendations for FY 2011 through FY 2018.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?**

60%

**% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

The Committee receives formal written responses to its recommendations as well as regular status update briefings at Committee meetings.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?**

30%

**% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

The Committee receives formal written responses to its recommendations as well as regular status update briefings at Committee meetings.

**Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?**

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

**Agency Feedback Comments**

The Committee receives formal written responses to its recommendations as well as regular status update briefings at Committee meetings.

**What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?**

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Action Comments**

- In response to committee recommendations, VHA redesigned its educational financing mechanism for VA facilities. In response to committee recommendations, VHA examined the organizational location of the Office of Academic Affiliations and realigned it to foster synergy with complementary programs and streamline reporting channels

**Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?**

No

**Grant Review Comments**

N/A

**How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?**

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Access Comments**

N/A